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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations
Executive Secretary
Director, CIA Operations Center

FROM: John F. Blake
Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Continued Access to the State Department's Morning Summary

1. In mid-April, the State Department's Operations Center, in collaboration with the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, substituted for its long-time morning EXDIS Summary a new Morning Summary that sought to combine the best features of the discontinued cable wrap-up and the highly stylized briefing memoranda that was developed for Secretary Kissinger and continued for Secretary Vance.
2. Because the new Summary is all-source and uncoordinated, the Department regards it as uniquely personal and was reluctant initially to agree to release it to other agencies. We were successful in obtaining a copy when the Director personally assured Secretary Vance that it would receive limited distribution only to key officials. It is received by LDX at the opening of business each morning and disseminated by the Operations Center to DCI, DDCI, D/DCI/NI, DDI, DDO and Executive Secretary. No other copies are authorized.
3. It is important that we not appear to violate the understanding by which the Secretary agreed to make the Summary available to us. In the past week the CIA Operations Center has received separate complaints from INR and the State Department Operations Center that "analysts" and others here are calling their counterparts at State to comment on or complain about items appearing in the Morning Summary. If continued, this practice will jeopardize the present arrangements.
4. As a general rule, CIA officers should not communicate with their State counterparts on the contents of the Summary. An exception can be made when there is an overriding need to acquire a source document utilized in the Summary, so that our understanding of a situation is enhanced and we are better prepared to deal with an emergent problem. In such cases, no action will be taken without consultation with and approval of Director, CIA Operations Center.

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The Operations Center

3 August 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: John F. Blake
Acting DCI

SUBJECT : Protection of State's Morning
Summary

John,

Herewith, as a follow-on to our talk earlier today a draft of the note that I would propose the DCI send to all recipients of the Summary.

Please note that in the last paragraph I have provided the DCI with two options: or I can handle the queries in tandem--or separately. We would prefer to handle them exclusively, of course, for reasons that go to the root of our Charter here in the Center.

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Vincent J. Heyman
Director

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Reference the attached, in the first place I would hope that this problem could be eliminated and if it is not, will take very direct measures to restrict the distribution of the State Department Morning Summary. Even so, there will be times when queries probably should be made to INR about the publication's contents. I could live very comfortably with this being done by the Operations Center and would recommend that your draft memo give that account to Heyman's shop.			
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